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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EVALUATING CHANGE IN GEL STATE OR SOL-  
GEL STATE OF MATERIAL BODY

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on August 16, 2007, and to the Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application.

In this regard, Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references of record. However, Applicant further wishes to clarify that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and the basis for patentability of these claims is based upon the totality of the features recited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments about the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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